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Levy of punitive tax on Mr. T. Ramaswami Chaudhari of Tenali.

607 Q.—Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that Mr. T. Ramaswami Chaudhari, Bar.-at-Law of Tenali, has been ordered by the district authorities to bear a part of the punitive tax levied in the Guntūr district on account of the punitive police stationed in consequence of the no-tax campaign or other forms of non-co-operation calculated to create a disturbance of the public peace;

(2) what is the amount that Mr. T. Ramaswami Chaudhari has been ordered to pay;

(3) whether it is a fact that he has never been a member of the Congress party and that further he actively opposed the non-co-operation movement;

(4) what are the grounds on which he was included in the list of those held liable to the punitive tax; and

(5) whether the Government will place the papers connected with this case on the table?

A.—Under section 15 of the Police Act all inhabitants of the area proclaimed are liable to contribute towards the cost of the additional police unless specially exempted under clause (5) of the section. The Government have no information with regard to individuals who have not been exempted.

Reserves in Harpanahalli range.

608 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) when the working plan of the reserves in Harpanahalli range, Bellary district, was prepared;

(2) the year from which the plan began to be worked;

(3) the total area of the reserves included in the working circle and the portions thereof treated as protection, fuel and grazing circles respectively;

(4) the estimated revenue per year from fuel and from grazing respectively according to the working plan;

(5) the actual receipts from fuel and grazing respectively for each year during the period in which the working plan has been in operation;

(6) the average number of cattle of each kind for which permits were issued yearly for the reserves comprised in the working plan;

(7) the total number of villages within the limits of which the reserves of the working plan are situated and the total number of cows, she-buffaloes and sheep according to the last census and the total area of porambokes in those villages;

(8) the months during which the reserves are open to grazing according to the working plan and the months during which the reserves were actually open for grazing during the period in which the working plan has been in force;

(9) whether areas not meant to be thrown open for grazing according to the working plan were as a matter of fact thrown open, and if so, the extents so thrown open in each year; and

(10) the nature and extent of cultural operations conducted to increase the proportion of ever-green species in the working circle and their results?

A.—The Government have no information, but will call for it.